

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 6 August 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 45-51, 53 and 55.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to amendment filed on August 6, 2007. Claims 1, 47, 54 and 55 have been currently amended. Claims 1-3,45-51,53 and 55 are allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3,45-51,53 and 55 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record are US Patents to SCHNECK et al. (US 5,933,498) and ISHIGURO (EP 874300 A2). The closest prior art of record when taken either individually or in combination fail to teach or suggest the combination of elements as claimed. As per independent claims 1 and 47, the closest prior art fail to teach or suggest a decoding unit configured to decrypt the digital data file read from the data storage medium using said key data, wherein said key data is generated by: summing one or more first internal keys to the unique ID of the digital data device or the unique ID of the storage medium or both to generate an internal encryption key; and generating said key data by converting the internal encryption key according to an encryption algorithm using a second internal key.

Furthermore, Schneck teaching "that data-encrypting key, KD, is the same for all copies of the data" teaches away from generating an encrypting key that is based on a unique ID of the digital data playing device or the storage medium, as required by claims 1 and 47.

Moreover, the rule encrypting key KR of Schneck cannot be equivalent to the key data as recited since Schneck clearly states that only the data encrypting key KD is used to encrypt the data, not the rule encrypting key KR. Neither Ishiguro nor the conventional art relied upon

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correct this deficiency in Schneck. The remaining claims depend from independent claims 1 and 47 and are accordingly allowed, as stated above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley B. Bayat whose telephone number is 571-272-6704. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on 571-272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bradley B. Bayat", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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